

REMARKS

Entry of the election of the claims of Group I and substantive examination of Claims 1-6 is respectfully requested at this time. Once again, Claims 7-16 are being withdrawn herein without prejudice to their assertion in one or more duly filed divisional patent applications.

In preparing the current claim listing, applicant has amended Claim 2, second subparagraph, by adding the term "the" at the beginning of the subparagraph, to correct the syntax. No new matter has been added.

Based on the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed application is in proper form for examination. Favorable consideration and early allowance is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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